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TAGS: OVIP, IT (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO ROME

REF: ROME 9045

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL OFFICE INFORMS US THAT PRESIDENT LEONE'S STAFF IS CONCERNED THAT 1400 ARRIVAL AT QUIRINALE PALACE IS PUT IN DOUBT BY THE LATE (1345) ARRIVAL AT CIAMPINO AIRPORT. CONTROL OFFICER (BARNSDALE) TOOK NOTE OF QUIRINALE CONCERN BUT INDICATED THAT EFFORT TO ARRANGE EARLIER ARRIVAL CIAMPINO AIRPORT HAD FOUNDERED BECAUSE OF SIMILARLY CLOSE AND FIRMLY FIXED SCHEDULE IN PARIS. CONTROL OFFICER MADE IT CLEAR THAT RETURN TO 1315 PROPOSED ARRIVAL AT CIAMPINO WAS NOT POSSIBLE. THE PROTOCOL REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING BUT HOPED THAT SOME ADDITIONAL TIME, EVEN MINUTES, COULD BE OBTAINED BY EMPHASIZING QUIRINALE'S CONCERN TO SECRETARY'S PARTY.

2. CONTROL OFFICER WILL REPORT BACK THAT QUIRINALE'S CONCERN HAS BEEN RELAYED TO SECRETARY'S PARTY BUT THAT ARRIVAL TIME IS FIRM AT 1345. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE APPRECIATED AT THE QUIRINALE PALACE IF EVEN A MATTER OF MINUTES CAN BE MADE UP, PERHAPS IN THE AIR, TO BRING THE SECRETARY IN BETWEEN 1330 AND 1345. IF ANY POSSIBILITY DEVELOPS TO MAKE EARLIER ARRIVAL POSSIBLE, EMBASSY WILL OF COURSE APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS.

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3. PRESIDENT LEONE HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL WISH TO HAVE

DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY AFTER LUNCH. PROTOCOL STAFF EXPECTS THAT AT END OF LUNCH SMALL GROUP, INCLUDING PRESIDENT LEONE AND SECRETARY'S PARTY, WILL RETIRE FROM LARGE GROUP TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS OVER COFFEE. THIS WILL CAUSE SCHEDULE TO SLIDE FURTHER. SCHEDULE IN REFTTEL SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

JULY 5 1345 ARRIVE ROME.

1400 ARRIVE QUIRINALE PALACE FOR PRESIDENT
LEONE'S LUNCH.

1600 LEAVE QUIRINALE PALACE.

1610 ARRIVE EXCELSIOR HOTEL.

1650 LEAVE EXCELSIOR FOR FARNESINA.

1700 AT FARNESINA. TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MORO.

1815 LEAVE FARNESINA FOR PALAZZO CHIGI.

1830 ARRIVE PALAZZO CHIGI FOR TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER.

1930 LEAVE PALAZZO CHIGI FOR EXCELSIOR HOTEL.

1940 ARRIVE EXCELSIOR HOTEL. EVENING FREE.

JULY 6 0910 LEAVE EXCELSIOR HOTEL FOR VATICAN

0930 ARRIVE VATICAN FOR AUDIENCE WITH POPE.

1030 (APPROX.) LEAVE VATICAN FOR AIRPORT.

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